



**MNO Presidential Park
February 28, 2007
Hawthorne Elementary School**

Resident #1:

What are the proposed plans for the Van Buren Drive-in and the empty field located on Gibson?

There are no active plans submitted for the Van Buren Drive-in site. A couple of years ago, the City Council tentatively approved commercial zoning for roughly the westerly 2/3 of the site with higher density residential on the easterly 1/3. However, no specific plans have been submitted.

With regard to the vacant property along Gibson, northerly of Lincoln, there are no plans for this property. A previously submitted subdivision map was withdrawn by the applicant and no subsequent plans have been submitted.

Resident #2:

Can the City install sidewalks along Jackson and Indiana next to the rail road crossing? There are currently no sidewalks and students must walk to/from school on the dirt next to the street.

There is sidewalk along the easterly side of Jackson Street from the railroad tracks to Indiana. There are missing segments of sidewalk at the westerly side of Jackson Street between the railroad tracks and Indiana west of Jackson (Approx. 230 feet). The installation of the required sidewalk at Jackson Street and Indian Avenue will require the acquisition of right of way from 9108 Indiana and 3324 Jackson. It will also require street widening, curb, gutter, sidewalk and wheelchair ramp construction at both Indiana Avenue and Jackson Street and the removal of approximately ten trees for a total cost of approximately \$60,000.

Resident #3:

What are the City's efforts to mitigate traffic along Victoria Avenue when Hawthorne Elementary opens its new campus? Is the City working with the School District to plan traffic routes?

The City has been working with the Riverside Unified School District (RUSD) to carefully plan the ingress and egress at new schools being constructed within the City. The traffic pattern for this school will be from Irving Street. Additionally, an all way stop has been installed at Victoria/Irving.

Resident #4:

What can the City do to regulate the amount of trash piling up in the alley behind my property?

The City of Riverside does not allow the accumulation of trash and debris or outdoor storage on private property. In addition, it is illegal to dump such items on public property. If the trash is located on private property, the Code Enforcement Division will address the concern with the property owner and request that they remove the items. Depending on the severity of the case, a Code Enforcement Officer may issue a warning notice or a \$100 citation and schedule a revisit to the property. Proceeding citations will incrementally increase to \$500.

If the items in question were dumped on public property and the City has information on who placed the items there, the Code Enforcement Division can issue the violator citations and order them to clean the area. We also have staff that actively removes illegally dumped items from the public right-of-way.

The Code Enforcement Division inspected the area in question and issued citations for the following violations:

- Inoperable vehicles
- Unpaved parking
- Trash and dead vegetation
- Outside storage and trash
- Inadequate landscaping

Property re-inspections for all citations are scheduled throughout the month of April.

Resident #5:

Which City Department should residents contact when a neighbor is operating a business from their residence? There is a neighbor who is running an auto repair business out of their garage.

If you suspect an illegal business is being operated from someone's home in your neighborhood, please contact the Code Enforcement Division at (951) 826-5633

and an Officer will be assigned to investigate your concern. It is against the law to operate a business out of a residentially zoned property. The Code Enforcement Division inspected the area in question and issued citations for the following violations:

- Illegally operating business: auto repair
- Inoperable vehicles
- Landscaping

Resident #6:

Is it possible for the Police Department to increase traffic enforcement along Lincoln and Indiana Avenue during after school hours to regulate speeding traffic?

Traffic Sergeant Dave Ruddy who attended MNO Presidential Park assigned additional RPD traffic officers to Lincoln and Indiana Avenue following the meeting held on February 28th. Traffic officers will continue to monitor these locations during afterschool hours and explore additional enforcement measures in attempt to reduce traffic violations at these locations.

Resident #7:

What can the City do to reduce the level of tagging/graffiti in our neighborhood and throughout the City? What efforts has the City made to alleviate this issue?

Over the past several months, RPD has assigned additional manpower to work graffiti-related crimes. All additional RPD personnel assigned to graffiti enforcement are reporting to Graffiti Detective Cathy Nelson.

In addition to the efforts of the Riverside Police and Public Works Departments, the City aggressively pursues restitution for the damages caused by graffiti vandals. More specifically, state law permits the City to file a lawsuit against the parents of any minor involved in graffiti vandalism and to seek reimbursement for the costs of removal, police investigative costs and the City's attorney's fees and costs. To date, the City has filed nearly 1 dozen lawsuits and received nearly \$30,000 in settlement and judgments against the parents of these vandals. In each instance, the minor has not re-offended following the filing of the lawsuit.